

The Changing Landscape of Trucking Cases

SEMINAR AGENDA

BREAKFAST AND MIXER 8:00 – 9:00am

WELCOME 9:00 – 9:10 am

Moderator: Matthew Wright

The Changing Landscape: Trucking Companies' Modern Efforts to Avoid Liability 9:10 – 10:00

Speaker: Matthew Wright

Today's trucking landscape looks vastly different than it did a few years ago. Despite this changing landscape, one thing remains constant: trucking companies always look to avoid responsibility. Explore the impact technology and automation have on the trucking industry and discover effective techniques to find the hidden carriers the modern-day trucking landscape inherently hides.

Trucking History, Insurance, and Standards of Care | 10:00 – 10:30

Speaker: Michael Leizerman

You may be an expert in the "what's" of trucking, but how well do you know the "why's"? In this session, we get back to the basics of handling truck crash cases, insurance coverage, and standards of care. We will also examine trucking history including how the FMCSRs that regulate today's truck crash cases came to pass.

BREAK (10:30- 10:45)

The Importance of a CDL | 10:45 – 11:15

Speaker: Amy Papuga

Does obtaining a CDL make you a double threat to defense attorneys? Explore the contents of the CDL manual with an experiential application of what it actually means when you are the one in control of an 18-wheeler. Discover the advantages CDLs give plaintiff's attorneys, how you can obtain your own, and how new ELDT rules affect all new CMV drivers.

The Business Immunity Rule: Avoiding Pitfalls that Lead to Bad Law | 11:15 – 11:45

Speaker: DJ Young

Often called the "McHaffie Rule" or "Preemption Rule", the Business Immunity Rule has a far-reaching impact on the trucking industry, truck crash litigation, and the victims of trucking crashes. In this session, we will demonstrate how to overcome the unfairness this trucking and insurance company argument raises, as well as how to avoid the pitfalls that create bad law.

LUNCH (11:45 am – 12:45 pm)

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Using Technology to Enhance Your Deposition (*Demonstration*) | 12:45 –1:15

Speaker: Michael Leizerman

From live demos and crash reconstruction to multiple camera angles and real-time screencasts, we show how we use technology to take an effective deposition even when you're on a budget.

Thinking Differently about Discovery and Investigation in Trucking Cases | 1:15 -2:00

Speaker: Joe Ervin

The deposition strategies of the past have lost their efficacy in today's trucking landscape. It's time to rethink discovery and investigation. Learn techniques to effectively preserve evidence, gather information from government and industry websites, read the post-crash inspection, and send comprehensive written discovery and FOIA requests. Additionally, we'll show you how to leverage deposition clips and the defense to prove your case, lock in standards, and ensure important case details are not overlooked.

BREAK (2:00pm – 2:15pm)

What You Need to Know About Broker Liability | 2:15 – 2:45

Speaker: Rena Leizerman

We will discuss potential broker liability through agency and negligence causes of action, the current state of the law, and practical advice.

Overcoming Cutting-Edge Defense Techniques | 2:45 – 3:15

Speaker: Joshua Leizerman

When the defense team cries "sudden medical emergency", are you capable of calling foul? At first glance, the sudden medical emergency defense may seem airtight, but it is anything but. In this session, we discuss the (precarious) merits of the medical emergency defense claim as well as effective counterarguments that help to break through this line of defense and get your client the compensation they deserve.

Truck Trial Themes from Jury Selection to Closing | 3:15-4:00

Speaker: Andy Young

Non-party witnesses are a key and often underutilized resource that help solidify and develop credible winning trial themes. From eyewitnesses to emergency responders and motor carrier enforcement officers, learn how to leverage key witness testimonies to build a compelling and authentic narrative that resonates with jurors and maximizes results.

Q&A | 4:00– 4:50

Panelists: Joe Ervin, Joshua Leizerman, Michael Leizerman, Rena Leizerman, Amy Papuga, Matthew Wright, Andy Young, DJ Young

Receive face-to-face feedback and brainstorm your case with leading attorneys in truck crash litigation.

SEMINAR CLOSE | 4:50-5:00

Moderator: Matthew Wright

Social mixer to follow.